FALLEN FINEST

POLICE OFFICER
GEORGE SCHEU
115 Precinct

Police Officer George Scheu was shot and killed when he attempted to take action during a robbery while off duty.

Shortly after 6:30 am, on Saturday, July 11, 1987, off-duty Police Officer Scheu left his home for a regular monthly meeting of his Naval Reserve unit in Kings Point, Nassau County. The 41-year-old officer had been on the force for 19 years and had served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

Dressed in his white U.S. Naval Reserve uniform, Officer Scheu encountered a robbery suspect on the quiet Murray Street in Flushing, Queens. As Officer Scheu attempted to prevent the robbery, the suspect shot him in the left side of the head and eye with a .38 caliber pen gun. Police Officer Scheu was unarmed when he was shot.

Neighbors who heard the shot, stopped a passing volunteer ambulance and Officer Scheu was rushed to the hospital. He expired from his injuries days later on Thursday, July 16, 1987.

Famous for his sense of humor, enthusiasm and his intelligence, PO Scheu was admirably called "The Best Cop in the Precinct".

Police Officer George Scheu was 41 years old and served with the Police Department for 19 years. He was survived by his wife, Linda; and three children, Christine, Tracy and George.